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LONDON FOR BILLER/STYLES; MONTEAL FOR US REP ICAO

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SUBJECT: UK REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF SIXTH MEETING
OF ICAO ALL WEATHER OPERATIONS PANEL (AWOP)

1. UK MINISTER (COMMERCIAL) BRIDGES AND FIRST SECRETARY
(CIVIL AVIATION) CRUICKSHANK CALLED ON DEPT (EB/OA/AVP)
TODAY TO REQUEST US SUPPORT FOR DELAY IN ICAO AWOP MEETING
PROPOSED FOR MARCH 1977. BRIDGES SAID SIGNALS FROM DOPPLER
MLS THOUGHT BY LINCOLM LABORATORIES TO BE CONTAMINATED AND
THEREFORE UK WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FAA TESTS AT US AIRPORTS
OF DOPPLER MLS BEFORE AWOP MEETING. UK CONSIDERS AWOP
MEETINGS TECHNICAL FINDINGS VERY IMPORTANT IN ICAO SELEC-
TION OF MLS SYSTEM FOR ADOPTION AS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD.
THEREFORE THEY DESIRE TESTS BEFORE UK DOPPLER SYSTEM AND
US TRSB SYSTEM JUDGED IN AWOP.

2. DEPT CONSULTING FAA ON MLS PROBLEM AND HAS SUGGESTED
TO FAA WE MIGHT ACCEPT UK REQUEST FOR MINIMUM DELAY OF
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AWOP PROVIDED THERE IS NO CHANGE IN SCHEDULING OF ICAO

WORLDWIDE AWO DIVISIONAL MEETING NOW PLANNED FOR NOV. 1-18,
1977. UK PROPOSAL FOR POSTPONEMENT OF AWOP MAY BE MADE IN
ICAO AIR NAVIGATION COMMISSION AS EARLY AS DEC. 8. KISSINGER

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